



Office of Regulatory Assistance

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Transportation Permit Efficiency and Accountability Committee

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Welcome!

"[TPEAC] will serve as a national model of how government agencies at all levels can coordinate and possibly integrate their individual procedures to give projects thorough reviews, allow full public involvement, and arrive at decisions more speedily."

~Former Washington State Governor
Gary Locke

[More Testimonials](#)



This site presents a case study of the Transportation Permit Efficiency and Accountability Committee (TPEAC). The committee's work to improve Washington State's transportation permitting process serves as a model for collaborative, multi-stakeholder efforts to increase regulatory efficiency while maintaining high environmental standards. We hope this website provides you with useful information about TPEAC's process, products, and lessons learned to apply to your own efforts.



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About TPEAC

[Who are TPEAC's Members?](#)

Biographies, photos, and contact information for the committee's members.



[What is TPEAC?](#)

Learn about the committee's purpose, structure, and efforts to date.



[When was TPEAC created?](#)

Discover TPEAC's origins and link to the original and re-authorizing legislation.

[Why was TPEAC needed?](#)

Explore the world of environmental permitting for transportation projects and the issues TPEAC sought to resolve.

[How did TPEAC start?](#)

Read about events leading up the committee's creation and the legislative process by which TPEAC was convened.



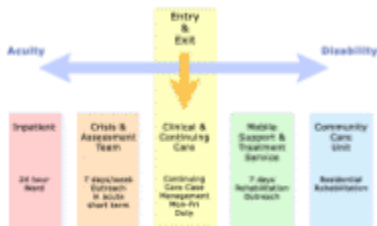


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Process

[TPEAC's Structure](#)

Read about how the committee is organized.

"Understanding the mission, approach, and restrictions faced by other agencies establishes credibility and trust."

[Chronology of events](#)

Learn about the major phases of TPEAC.

[Subcommittees](#)

Explore the purpose, members, and efforts of TPEAC's subcommittees.



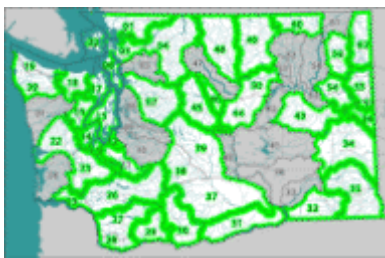


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Products

[Watershed Characterization](#)

Explore the Watershed-Based Mitigation Subcommittee's comprehensive watershed characterization methodology for identifying potential mitigation opportunities.



[Programmatic Permits](#)

Read about the Programmatic Subcommittee's successful creation of programmatic permit approval for transportation related activities.



[Online JARPA](#)

Learn about the web-based permitting tool created for Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Applications.

[Library](#)

Access reports, surveys, etc. produced by TPEAC's subcommittees.





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"Early and frequent communication is key."

Lessons Learned

Perspectives

Explore various perspectives of TPEAC's purpose, accomplishments, and value.

Advice

Apply the TPEAC experience to your own collaborative, multi-stakeholder permit streamlining efforts.





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"The TPEAC experience serves as a case study of a cooperative, multi-stakeholder approach to improving existing regulatory processes to ensure the most efficient use of government resources while maximizing environmental benefits."

Practitioner's Corner

[Resources](#)

Access the TPEAC Library, member organizations, etc.

[Related Efforts](#)

Explore similar projects in Washington and other states.

[Testimonials](#)

Hear from TPEAC members and process participants and read a report by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee.

